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1. SEPT 16 TURK CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH CALLED ON THE OPPOSITION REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN BULENT ECEVIT TO BRIEF HIM ON THE RECENT ROUND OF INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS IN NEW YORK. AFTER THE MEETING ECEVIT, IN RESPONSE TO REPORTERS' REQUESTS FOR HIS VIEWS ABOUT A POSSIBLE UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE (UDI) BY THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS, SAID "WE DISCUSSED THESE THINGS BUT FOR NOW I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING. I MUST THINK ABOUT IT A LITTLE."

2. HOWEVER, ECEVIT'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR AND RPP

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DEPUTY FROM ISTANBUL HALUK ULMAN GAVE A STATEMENT TO THE

PRESS THE SAME DAY SAYING THE RPP WAS CATEGORICALLY
OPPOSED TO UDI. HE SAID IT WOULD FURTHER ISOLATE TURKEY
IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO "INVITING
GREECE TO TURKEY'S SOUTH."

3. DENKTASH ALSO CALLED SEPTEMBER 16 ON NATIONAL SALVATION
PARTY (NSP) CHAIRMAN AND DEPPRIMIN NECMETTIN ERBAKAN
AND DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) CHAIRHUN FERRUH BOZBEYLI,
NEITHER OF WHOM MADE ANY STATEMENTS AFTERWARD. NSP
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FEHMI CUMALIOGLU, HOWEVER, WAS QUOTED
BY THE PRESS AS SAYING "THE OUTCOME OF THE ISSUE (CYPRUS
PROBLEM) WILL SOMEHOW BE PARTITION. UDI COULD BE THE
FIRST STEP."

4. DENKTASH TOLD THE UPI IN AN INTERVIEW PRINTED IN THE
TURKISH PRESS SEPT 17 THAT MAKARIOS HAD LEFT TURKISH
CYPRIOTS NO OTHER PATH, THAT HE WAS SEEKING TURKEY'S FULL
SUPPORT FOR UDI, AND THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT HE WOULD
RECEIVE IT.
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